

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets 1/5, 2/5, and 3/5 replaces sheets 1/3, 2/3, and 3/3 of the original drawings in the application. New sheets 4/5 and 5/5 shows features described in the translation and recited in the claims. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1/5, 2/5, and 3/5

New Sheets 4/5 and 5/5

REMARKS

A copy of the priority document as filed is enclosed. A certified copy is being obtained and will be submitted in the near future.

Copies of the references listed in the previously submitted IDS are submitted herewith, as well as a PTO-1449 listing U.S. 5,247,763. As noted in the international search report, this patent corresponds to DE 40 14 727, which is discussed in applicant's specification.

WO 02/081844 was cited in the category Y by the ISA, together with DE 40 14 727. In view of 35 U.S.C. §374, this published international application should be deemed as a published U.S. application and should have been considered. In any event, the pertinence of the disclosure should now be clear from the English language abstract and the drawings.

DE 101 46 604 contains disclosure similar to Emde U.S. 2004/0031234 (cited by the Examiner) and may be considered as cumulative. An English abstract is enclosed.

DE G 94 18 984 discloses a sliding door with a current feed for LED's sandwiched between the glass panes. The drawing has been annotated in English as an aid for evaluation.

The title has been amended to be more descriptive, as required by the examiner.

Replacement sheets for Figures 1-3 merely change the sheet numbering to 1/5, 2/5, and 3/5. new sheets 4/5 and 5/5 show features fully described in the translation at paragraphs [0012] to [0016], and [0024 to [0026]. These new drawings are necessary to show features recited in claims. Care has been taken not to introduce new matter.

The specification has been amended to refer to these drawings, and to include reference numerals shown in the drawings. Note that it was not necessary to add the features to the specification; they were already described.

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 11 has been amended to include a current feed for the light source inside the profiles framing the at least one pane of glass.

Claims 11-17 stand rejected as unpatentable over a combination of Hein U.S. 6,079,162 and Emde U.S. 2004/031234. To the extent that these references would be applied against claim 11 as presently amended, such rejection is traversed for the reasons following.

Hein discloses an automatic sliding door of the type acknowledged in applicant's "Background" discussion as prior art. Emde discloses a window comprising panes of glass and a frame with a strip of LED's adjacent to the edge of a pane. The current feed for a stationary window frame would be straightforward, but is not disclosed. Emde cannot suggest incorporating the light source in a sliding door, because Emde offers no clue as to how current would be fed to a movable door. Accordingly, claim 11 is believed to distinguish patentably from this combination.

Claims 18 and 20 stand rejected as unpatentable over Hein, Emde, and Krimmel U.S. 6,865,848. Krimmel discloses a current feed for LED's in a frameless glass door, wherein current is fed through the supporting rod 16, which serves as a negative pole (col. 4, line 1) and is therefore a "live" contact which presents a danger of shock to a person who touches it.

Krimmel offers no suggestion to feed current through the upper profile of a framed door, as recited in claim 18, or to insulate current rails from the crossbar, as recited in claim 20. On the contrary, the Krimmel specifically teaches using the support rod for carrying electricity. Accordingly, these claims distinguish patentably from the cited combination of three references.


Finally, claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Hein, Emde, and Takano U.S. 5,996,281. Takano discloses a current feed for a photo transmitter and a

receiver in a single door, not to a light source in both doors, as recited in claim 18. Accordingly, claims 18 and 20 are believed to distinguish from this combination.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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